Improvement of medical research

†363. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are going to formulate a scheme for making improvements in the field of medicine and research in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made in this regard, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Improvement of medicine and research is a continuous process within the resources available. Apart from various premier institutes like All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh, Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Post Graduate Medical Education and Research, Pondicherry, National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Surgery, Bangalore involved in providing medical treatment and research facilities, under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY). It has been envisaged to establish six AIIMS like Institutions at Patna, Raipur, Bhopal, Jodhpur, Bhubaneshwar and Rishikesh along with upgradation of 11 medical institutions. At present the Government is also considering a proposal to create a separate Department of Medical Research which will cause an impetus in Medical and Health Research activities in the country.

Rejuvenating CGHS

364. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes contemplated to rejuvenate the CGHS;

(b) the steps being taken to raise the satisfaction level of the beneficiaries of CGHS; and

(c) the complaints and suggestions received from CGHS beneficiaries during the last year and the action taken thereon?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Improvement of various services provided in the CGHS dispensaries is an ongoing process. There is an inbuilt mechanism to improve the functioning of CGHS dispensaries by way of inspection, supervision and guidance by Senior Officers of CGHS.

Eight special inspection teams have also been constituted in Delhi to monitor the functioning of CGHS dispensaries. Surprise visits are made by these teams from-time to time and remedial action taken as and when required. For monitoring the functioning of CGHS dispensaries in cities outside Delhi, surprise visits are made from time to time and remedial action taken accordingly by the respective Additional Directors/Joint Directors of CGHS.

The Government has already approved the combined formulary for the MSO/CGHS in respect of 504 proprietary drugs. Action to procure medicines for the CGHS as per the formulary has been initiated. As a result, availability of drugs in CGHS dispensaries has improved further.

Moreover, Government has constituted a Committee headed by Former Cabinet Secretary to review the functioning of the CGHS and for giving recommendations for making it more user friendly.

The above mentioned committee has invited the comments/suggestions from pensioners and other Welfare Organisations in this regard.

Japanese Enciephalitis

365. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR:
DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY:
SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Japanese Encephalitis has claimed a heavy toll of life especially children this year, in U.P., M.P., Chhattisgarh and other States;

(b) if so, the number of cases reported and the number of lives, *viz.*, men, women and children lost to this disease this year and during the past three years, State-wise;